GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Ante date stamps scandal - allegations against Sri Ch.Purushotham, former Sub Registrar (Retired & Expired) and certain Registration officials of Zone-II and Zone-III – disciplinary proceedings initiated – Regular Enquiry conducted – Report submitted – Show cause notice Issued to the legal heirs for recovery of loss- Representation received from the legal heir of the deceased – Recovery of loss of Rs.44,390/- imposed – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1164 Dated:19-11-2015

Read the following:

1. DIG, R&S (MV), O/o the C&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., (Preliminary Enuqiry Officer) Lr.No.29788/Enqy/95, dt:21-4-1997.
2. DIG, R&S, Eluru Procs.No.E2/2258/95-9, dt:31-5-1995
3. DIG, R&S, Eluru Procs.No.E2/2258/1995, dt:31-5-2005
4. Enquiry report of Sri K.Satyanarayana, former ADR, R&S, Bhimavaram vide P.No.1/2005/(5) ADR, dt:28-9-2007.
5. Govt., Memo.No.1454/Vig.VI(1)/2010-3, dt:7-4-2010.
6. Govt., Memo.No.1454/Vig.VI(1)/2010-8, dt:31-5-2010.
7. Govt., Memo.No.1454/Vig.VI(1)/2010-40, dt:5-12-2013.
8. Representation of legal heir of late Sri Ch.Purushotham, former SR (Retd) dt:25-3-2014.
9. Govt., Lr.No.1454/Vig.II(1)/2010-60, dt:31-7-2015.
10. APPSC Lr.No.779/DC&C/2/2015, dt:7-10-2015.

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ORDER:

Where as, in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of Government that certain officials of Registration & Stamps Department in Zone-II & Zone-III were involved in ante dated stamps scandal in connection with the registration of documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer.

2. And whereas, on the directions of Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, the Preliminary Enquiry officer i.e., the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps (Market Value), Office of the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad had submitted the report stating that certain registration officials have registered documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer in the reference 1st read above.

3. Whereas, based on the findings of Preliminary Enquiry Officer, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru has framed the following charge against Sri Ch.Purushotham, former Sub Registrar (Retired) in the reference 2nd read above.

Charge: Sri Ch.Purushotham, while working as Sub Registrar, Sub Registrar Office, Malikipuram, Rajahmundry Registration District registered 7 documents without verifying the date of stamps sold by Sri N.S.K.Rao, Stamp Vendor, Amalapuram as required in IG of R&S, AP., Hyd., instructions vide Memo.No.MV1/5000/92, dt:26-7-1993 and 27-8-1993. In the preliminary enquiry, it was prima facie established that

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the stamp vendor had sold the stamps used for the above 7 documents with ante dates to facilitate the parties to draft documents with ante dates in order to evade payment of stamp duty on the revised market value which have come into force w.e.f 1-4-1995. On account of allowing such stamps with ante dates, it was held that Sri Ch.Purushotham, SR, Malikipuram, Rajahmundry Registration District was instrumental in registering the documents without verifying the date of selling of stamps, sustaining a loss of Revenue of Rs.93,920/- to Govt., exchequer.

4. After receipt of Written Statement of Defence, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru has appointed Assistant District Registrar, Bhimavaram as Regular Enquiry Officer in the reference 3rd read above. In the refrence 4th read above, the Regular Enquiry Officer has submitted the report holding the charge held proved against Sri Ch.Purushotham, former Sub Registrar (Retired).

5. Since the Charged Officer Sri Ch.Purushotham, former Sub Registrar (Retd) was expired, the disciplinary / criminal cases pending against have been abated in the reference 5th read above.

6. The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has forwarded the Regular Enquiry Officer report to Government for taking necessary action in the matter under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Government after examining the Regular Enquiry Officer report in the reference 4th read above, and after taking consideration of all the facts have observed that Sri Ch.Purushotham, former Sub Registrar (Retired) has caused loss of Revenue of Rs.44,390/- to the state exchequer by registering certain documents with ante dates and was expired and all disciplinary / criminal cases pending against him has been abated against him in the reference 6th read above, therefore, it has been provisionally decided to recover loss of Rs.44,390/- from the legal heirs of late Sri Ch.Purushotham, former Sub Registrar (Retired & Expired). Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice has been issued to the legal heirs with a direction to show cause as to why the proposed loss should not be recovered from the legal heirs of the Accused Officer Sri Ch.Purushotham, former Sub Registrar (Retired) as per G.O.Ms.No.85, F & P (Fin.Wing.Pen-I) Department, dated:12-7-1999 in the reference 7th read above.

8. In the reference 8th read above, the legal heir of the deceased Smt.Challa Venkata Surya Manikyamba has submitted representation and requested the Government to exempt her from recovery of Rs.44,390/- as she depended on family pension and not in a position to pay the same.

9. Government have examined the matter in light of the representation of the the legal heirs of the deceased Accused Officer Sri Ch.Purushotham, former Sub Registrar (Retired & Expired) and based on the material available with Government confirmed the recovery of loss of Rs.44,390/- from the legal heirs of the deceased Accused Officer Sri Ch.Purushotham, former Sub Registrar (Retired & Expired). The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have also agreed with the proposal of the department in the reference 10th read above. (copy enclosed).

10. Therefore, Government, hereby order for Recovery of loss of Rs.44,390/- from the legal heirs of the deceased Accused Officer Sri Ch.Purushotham, former Sub Registrar (Retired & Expired) for registering

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documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer.

11. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad

The legal heirs of the deceased Accused Officer Sri Ch.Purushotham, former Sub Registrar (Retired & Expired) (w.e) (through the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh., Hyderabad with a request to serve the order and furnish the served copy with dated acknowledgement to Government for record).

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The Principal Secretary,
Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Vijayawada / Guntur.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru

The Central Bureau, Crime Investigation Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER